

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification by inserting the paragraph below, after the title on page 1.

**Cross-Reference to Related Application**

This application claims priority based on International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/012152 filed on August 18, 2004, entitled "Power Supply System" by Shinya Takagi, Toshio Matsushima, Kiyoshi Murooka and Ken-ichi Nemoto, which claims priority of Japanese Application No. 2003-397489, filed on November 27, 2003, and which was not published in English.